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For: MASS SPECTROMETER SYSTEM AND  
METHOD FOR MATRIX-ASSISTED LASER  
DESORPTION MEASUREMENTS

Examiner: A. Soderquist

**RESUBMITTAL OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's telephonic request of February 2, 2006, Applicant hereby resubmits the Preliminary Amendment of January 4, 2001, to correct errors in amendment format. In addition, in response to the Examiner's request, Applicant hereby submits a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent to Correct "Error" Statement.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows to the extent the application has not been so amended:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**